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SUBJECT: NEW ROMANIAN AMBASSADOR TO LEBANON: FLOREA CHITU

- 1. ROMANIAN PRESS JUNE 24 REPORTED THAT FLOREA CHITU, NEW ROMANIAN AMBASSADOR TO LEBANON, HAD PRESENTED HIS CREDENTIALS TO PRESIDENT SARKIS. CHITU (KEET-ZOO) OFFICIALLY REPLACES MIHAI LEVENTE, BUT THE POST HAS BEEN VACANT FOR SOME TIME WITH ONLY A RESIDENT CHARGE. THERE IS NO LEBANESE EMBASSY IN ROMANIA (LEBANESE AMBASSADOR RESIDENT IN ATHENS IS ALSO ACCREDITED HERE), BUT THERE IS A LEBANESE CONSULATE GENERAL IN THE BLACK SEA PORT OF CONSTANTA.
- 2. WE HAVE LITTLE INFORMATION ON CHITU. ONLY PUBLIC POST HE HAS HELD AS SHOWN BY REVIEW OF EMBASSY FILES IS MEMBER SINCE 1966 OF 45 PERSON EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF GENERAL UNION OF TRADE UNIONS (UGSR), ROMANIA'S OFFICIAL TRADE UNION ORGANIZATION. REPORTEDLY, HIS SPECIALITY IS SOCIAL WELFARE. PEOPLE WHO KNOW CHITU HAVE DESCRIBED HIM TO US AS MODEST, UNASSUMING, AND "A MAN WHO ALWAYS KNEW HIS PLACE," NONE OF WHICH ARE PARTICULARLY COMPLIMENTARY IN THE ROMANIAN CONTEXT. HE IS REPORTED TO BE IN HIS LATE FORTIES OR EARLY FIFTIES.
- 3. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ACG INFORMATION ON CHITU WHICH CONFIDENTIAL

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